

William Deputy Collection

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Biographical Note:

Sylvester Deputy left Wales about 1658 and came to Delaware, where he died about 1700. His descendant, Solomon Deputy and wife Sally had six children. William Deputy was born on September 5, 1807, to Solomon and Sally, in western Virginia. In 1810, the family left Virginia for Indiana and settled in a cabin in Coffee Creek Valley. On June 4, 1811, Sally gave birth to Joshua, William's brother, who was the first white child born in the territory now included in Jennings County. On July 10, 1816, Solomon died.

On November 15, 1827, William married and set up housekeeping in a cabin he built. During the Civil War, William joined the Home Guards. He went to Washington, where he learned that his son had died, was embalmed, and sent home before he arrived. He served as a guard for the Confederate prisoners at Camp Morton.

Source:

Information Found within Collection

Scope and Content:

This collection is in six parts, which are: (1) Deputy Family Records from Morenci Robertson Wells, two pages; (2) "Jennings County in the Frontier Period," by Alice Bundy, one page; (3) William Deputy's Notebook, 1879, corrected for 1883, 10 pages; (4) William Deputy's Notebook, 1880, corrected for 1884, 27 pages; (5) William Deputy's Notebook, 1881, corrected for 1882, 15 pages; and (6) William Deputy Notebook, 1885, 8 pages.

The "notebooks" are typed copies of Mr. Deputy's family history as well as history of the Indiana territory, "a lonesome looking wilderness surrounded by the savage Indian who prowls through the gloom, plenty of big rattlesnakes, bares [bears], panthers, wolves and catamounts." (Page 1 of 4th manuscript).

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Date	
Nov. 1939	Deputy Family Records by Morenci Robertson Wells (2 pages)
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1879	William Deputy's Notebook (10 pages)
1880	William Deputy's Notebook (27 pages)
1881	William Deputy's Notebook (15 pages)
1885	William Deputy Notebook (8 pages)

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